ACCREDITED ONLINE COURSEWORK FOR MIDDLE LEVEL ENDORSEMENT
The middle level endorsement is an optional certification that is added to a North Dakota teacher license. The program is intended to serve students majoring in elementary and secondary education, as well as, practicing teachers who wish to teach in a North Dakota middle school.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
In addition to the prescribed classes, students must also complete a 20 hour field experience in an approved middle school setting and a middle level endorsement must include 24 semester hours for a single content area verified by official VCSU transcripts.

STUDY ONLINE
All the courses for the endorsement are offered online. The teacher education program at VCSU is accredited by NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education). Faculty who teach middle level courses have teaching experience in the middle school and have many years of classroom experience.

NOTE
The courses completed within the endorsement are listed on the VCSU transcript, however the endorsement is not specifically listed like a minor or major. Rather, the endorsement is added to a teaching license that is issued by the North Dakota ESPB (Education Standards and Practices Board). To obtain the actual endorsement, students make application to the North Dakota ESPB after graduation. The VCSU curriculum is designed to meet the requirements for the North Dakota ESPB middle level endorsement. Endorsement and teacher licensure requirements vary by state.

REQUIRED COURSES 11 HOURS
EDUC 305 Philosophy and Curriculum of Middle Level Education 3
EDUC 375 Teaching Reading in the Content Area 2
EDUC 470 Methods of Teaching in the Middle School 3
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology 3
Students are required to complete a 20 hour practicum in an approved middle level setting. Students must complete 24 semester hours in the content area.

TECHNOLOGY
- Notebook computers with DVD burners and multimedia capabilities
- Digital cameras, video cameras, and other peripherals
- Blackboard online learning environments

CAREER SERVICES PROVIDES
- Career, job search, placement services free to all students
- Field trips, employer on-campus visits
- Information, networking opportunities and skill development
- Visit www.vcsu.edu/careerservices/

ACCREDITATIONS
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)